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Re: Attorney Docket No. HIRA1140

This paper is a request for a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d) of:

Prior Application No: 09/408,142  
Title: METHODS FOR PRODUCING L-ASPARTIC ACID  
Filing Date: September 29, 1999  
Inventors: Masaharu Mukouyama, Shinzo Yasuda, and Satomi Komatsuzarki  
Attorney Docket No.: HIRA1140

This request for a CPA is the reference to the prior application noted above as required by 35 U.S.C. § 120. Kindly abandon the prior application in favor of the continued proceedings that are requested herein.

The prior application is assigned of record to Nipon Shokubai Co., Ltd., by virtue of an Assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for recording on September 29, 1999 at reel 101290/frame number 0602.

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This request includes 3 sheets, and the following:

- Preliminary Amendment (12 pages)
- Petition for Extension of Time (2 pages);
- Postcard;
- Check for \$1140.00.

The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of accompanying application and is incorporated by reference.

Please enter the unentered Preliminary Amendment in response to Final Office Action mailed June 18, 2001.

Basic filing fee	\$740.00
Total claims in excess of 20 times ( ) \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent claims in excess of 3 times ( ) \$80.00	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims	\$0.00
Total filing fee:	\$740.00

A check in the amount of \$1140.00 for the filing fee is enclosed. Please apply any other required fees or any credits to deposit account 50-1355, referencing the attorney docket number shown above.

If this application is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if a telephone conference would otherwise be helpful, please call the undersigned at 858-677-1456.

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